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Finance Committee Minutes 04-12-2001

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING, April 12, 2001

7:30 PM Town Hall hearing room

ATTENDEES:

Phelps*	Feinleib*	Kocur	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Villandry	Simmons	Mazmanian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst	Ronan*	
Scoppettuolo*	Franclemont*		Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Tosi	Kneeland*

* Indicates present

TRANSFERS:

VOTED to transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Insurance budget \$5,295. Unanimous

VOTED to transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Snow & Ice line item in the Public Works budget \$500,000. Unanimous

BUDGET 25 INSURANCE: The transfer from the Municipal Building Trust Fund can not be used to fully fund the indemnity insurance budget because some items don't qualify. In addition, the indemnity insurance budget must be increased.

VOTED to transfer \$143,000 from the Municipal Building Trust Fund and to recommend a budget of \$148,000. Unanimous

ARTICLE 43 REQUEST FOR ACCIDENTAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT: ALBERT SPINA: A copy of the Board of Selectmen vote requesting special legislation was provided.

VOTED to support the Board of Selectmen recommendation. Unanimous

ARTICLE 61 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/PATROLMEN: Union has settled for similar pay increases to Fire.

VOTED \$274,000 Unanimous

ARTICLE 64 SALARY ADJUSTMENT ELECTED OFFICIALS: The Personnel Directors salary study of surrounding communities was provided. Both positions well below average and management pay plan midpoints if pay for additional duties (Parking Clerk, Registrar) and longevity not included. Finances Subcommittee (DeCoursey) recommended community average (7% increase) for Treasurer, or 93% of M2 midpoint, and a corresponding decrease in expenses. There was considerable discussion on both positions.

VOTED \$71,160 for Treasurer, 8-3

General Government Subcommittee (DuBois) recommended 93% of M1 midpoint for Clerk.

VOTED \$62,000 Unanimous

VOTED no action on ARTICLE 64 since raises will be included in budget. Unanimous

ARTICLE 65 FUNDING FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: NAGE has not settled.

VOTED \$120,000 Unanimous

ARTICLE 66 POSITION RECLASSIFICATION. Job descriptions for two new positions, Technology Librarian (no funding increase) & Conservation Administrator (\$6585), were provided and recommended by the Personnel Subcommittee (O'Neill).

VOTED to recommend these positions be added to the pay plan and that the ConCom budget be amended accordingly. Unanimous.

Note: Initially the vote was 7-5 to fund the ConCom position partly from the General Fund and partly from an increase in application fees. This vote was reconsidered when the final budget surplus was distributed.

ARTICLE 84 SCHOOL COMMITTEE SALARIES: School Subcommittee (Franclemont) reported that School Committee voted to make no salary request.

VOTED no action. Unanimous

ARTICLE 94 OVERLAY RESERVE:

VOTED to transfer \$300,000 to the General Fund. Unanimous

ARTICLE 95 FREE CASH: Chair provided rationale for spending somewhat more of this than in previous years because of repayment expected from Bracket contractor and snow & ice transfer from Reserve Fund.

VOTED \$2,600,074 Unanimous

BUDGET 17c FIRE: Safety Subcommittee (O'Neill) presented chart showing more accurate personnel salary listing.

VOTED \$4,426,888 Unanimous Note: New wage and salary offset included in vote.

BUDGET 3 TOWN MANAGER: Chair requested \$3,000 increase in longevity to fund an increase in Manager salary should the Board of Selectmen so choose.

VOTED \$316,359 Unanimous

BUDGET 21b VETERAN SERVICES Human Services Subcommittee (Scopettuolo) reported that Director believes this budget should be resorted to original request.

VOTED \$214,540 Unanimous

YOUTH SERVICES EF:

WATER and SEWER EF: Chair provided revised charge estimates to this fund for support provided by other departments. Estimates made by Powers & Sullivan. they also recommended that interest earnings (\$175,000) on funds borrowed by this EF be retained in EF. The Manager letter (copy provided) requested that 2 new employees be included and explained that they will be paid from the W&S charges.

VOTED to include the revised offsets in the 9 budgets affected. Unanimous

VOTED \$11,990,224 expenses less \$11,990,224 revenues = 0. Unanimous

BUDGET 5 COMPTROLLER: Finances Subcommittee (Foskett) requested the personnel services detail be changed to correct the longevity to \$14,675 and reduce the Webmaster to \$35,873. No change to total.

BUDGET 9 LEGAL: General Government Subcommittee (Howard) recommended \$40,000 reduction in C budget since expenses in last 5 years have averaged that much below budget.

VOTED \$709,826 Unanimous

DISTRIBUTION OF BUDGET SURPLUS: After some discussion the following results

VOTED

to increase the field maintenance budget by \$20,000 (Public Works) 11-1 to fund overtime & pages at Library with \$7,115 increase Unanimous

to fully fund Conservation Administrator (see above) Unanimous

to apply the remaining funds (\$40482) to the schools Unanimous

BUDGET 19 EDUCATION

VOTED \$30,828,677 Unanimous

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

The Chair estimated the Reserve Fund balance at \$100,000.

Meeting scheduled for 9:00 AM April 28 [later changed to 1 p.m.] in a place to be determined to address Phase 2 of the school renovation. Meetings held at 7:30 before each TM session in Town Hall Hearing Room.

Peter B. Howard, Secretary

Budget & Article Action Summary

Bud #	Date of presentation	Date of vote	\$	Vote	Art#	Date of presentation	Date of vote	\$	Vote assigned to
1	2/7	2/7	10957	Unan	1S2	2/28,3/14	3/14,4/9	no action	Unanimous

2	2/7	2/7	251076	Unan	1S3	3/7, 3/20	3/20	8.461m	Unan
3	2/7	2/7, 4/12	300474	Unan	5	2/28	2/28	No action	11-0-1
4	3/24	3/24, 4/12	132588	Unan	24				
5	2/21	2/21, 4/12	888951	Unan	36	3/14		Tabled	
6	2/21	2/21, 4/12	581332	Unan	37				
7	2/21	2/21, 4/12	147618	Unan	40	2/14	Tabled		
8	3/19	3/19	269143	Unan	43	2/21	2/21, 4/12	supp Board of Selectmen	Unan
9	2/7, 2/21	2/21, 4/12	707328	Unan	52	none	2/28	No action	Unan
10	3/12	3/12, 4/12	181611	Unan	53	3/14, 3/20	3/20	No action	Unan
11	3/12	3/12	91139	Unan	54	2/14	2/14	Fav'ble Act	Unan
12	2/21	2/21	76152	Unan	55	3/14, 3/20	3/20	No action see 1S2	Unan
13	2/21	2/21	204262	Unan	56	3/20	3/20	No action	Unan
14	2/21	2/21	338426	Unan	57	3/14	3/14	No action	Unan
15	2/7, 3/12	3/12	19570	Unan	58	3/14	3/14	No report	Unan
16	3/24	3/24, 4/12	6725128	Unan	59	3/14	3/14	Fav Act \$?	Unan
17a	3/24	3/24	282019	Unan	60	3/14	3/14	Fav Act \$?	Unan
17b	3/24	3/24	4483009	Unan	61	3/14	3/14, 4/12	274000	Unan
		3/28							
17c	3/28	3/28, 4/12	4426888	Unan	62	3/14	3/14, 4/12	120000	Unan
17d	3/28	3/28	688633	Unan	63	3/14	3/14	No action	Unan
17e	3/28	3/28	239363	Unan	64	3/14	3/14, 4/12	no action	Unan
17f	3/28	3/28	422500	Unan	65	3/14	3/14	No report	Unan
19	3/21	4/12	30828677	Unan	66	3/28	3/28	11648	Unan
20	3/24	3/24, 4/12	1541494	Unan	67	2/14	2/14	Fav'ble Act	Unan
21a	3/24	3/24	99834	Unan	68				
21b	3/24	3/24, 4/12	214540	Unan	69				
21c	3/24	3/24	158177	Unan	70	3/12	3/12	1964543	Unan
21d	3/24	3/24	145672	Unan	71	3/20, 3/28	3/20, 4/12	30885	Unan
22	3/20	3/20	387898	Unan	72				
23	3/24	3/24	4920383	Unan	73	3/14	3/14	Fav Act \$?	Unan
24					74	2/14	3/28, 4/9	Acctp Gift	Unan
25	3/12, 3/24	3/24, 4/12	8937222	Unan	75	2/14	3/28	Fav'ble Act	Unan
26	3/28	3/28	300000	Unan	76				
WS	3/24	4/12	0	Unan	77	2/28, 3/20	3/20	Sup Acquis	Unan
Rec	3/24	3/24	-6129	Unan	78				
Rnk	3/28	3/28	-8283	Unan	79	3/21	3/28	Fav'ble Act	Unan
COA	3/28	3/28	-212	Unan	80	3/21			
YS	3/28	3/28	237244	Unan	81				
					82	3/14	3/14	No action	Unan
					83	3/14	3/14	200k+int	Unan
					84	3/21	4/12	No action	Unan
					85	3/12	3/28	No action	Unan
					86	3/14	3/28	No action	Unan
					87	3/14	3/28	No action	Unan
					88	3/7, 3/20	3/20	500k	Unanimous
					89	3/7	3/7	No action	Unanimous
					90	3/7	3/7	No action	Unanimous
					91	2/14, 3/20	3/20	112102	Unan
					92	3/28	3/28	1179185	Unan
					93	3/28	3/28	transfer	Unan
								86000	

